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SUBJECT: ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE
IN TEHRAN

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1. DURING MEETING DEC 2 POLCOUNS AND EMBASSY LOS OFFICER INFORMED MFA LEGAL ADVISOR KAZEMI THAT BERNARD H. OXMAN WOULD ATTEND FORTHCOMING ASIAN-AFRICAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN AS US OBSERVOR (REFTEL). KAZEMI EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THIS AND SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OXMAN AGAIN.

2. KAZEMI INDICATED THAT GOI HAD BOOKED ROOMS FOR OFFICIAL AALCC REPS AT HILTON HOTEL NEAR CONFERENCE SITE, WITH BACKUP ROOMS BEING RESERVED AT OTHER HOTELS AROUND CITY. WE WILL ATTEMPT BOOK OXMAN INTO HILTON AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE TENTATIVE ITINERARY. (GIVEN CURRENT HOTEL SITUATION IN TEHRAN, WILL
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NEED THIS INFORMATION AT LEAST FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS IN ADVANCE

OF ARRIVAL TO INSURE AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS.)

3. NO MENTION WAS MADE AT MEETING WITH KAZEMI OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE. ASSUME DEPT WILL MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE IF EMBASSY HOSTS RECEPTION FOR DELEGATES AS SUGGESTED REFTEL.

4. KAZEMI MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS RE CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-ON GENEVA CONFERENCE IN MARCH 1975: HE BELIEVES CARACAS CONFERENCE ACHIEVED ALL THAT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED GIVEN MULTIPLICITY OF VIEWS AND INTERESTS REPRESENTED. HE DOES NOT THINK FINAL LOS TREATY CAN (OR SHOULD) BE ACHIEVED AT GENEVA CONFERENCE, AS TOO MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE ON SUCH TOPICS AS ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY TO CONTROL EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEA BED, STRAITS ISSUE, AND PROBLEM OF LANDLOCKED STATES. KAZEMI SEES THESE ISSUES AS OF GREAT LONG-RANGE IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING STATES AND BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL THEY NOT BE ADOPTED IN FORM WHICH MIGHT LATER PROVE HARMFUL TO LDC'S BEST INTERESTS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE MENTIONED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT PROPOSAL FOR DEEP SEA BED EXPLOITATION SEEMS TO CONTEMPLATE SIMPLY A CLAIMS REGISTRY OFFICE RATHER THAN AN ALLOCATING AUTHORITY, THUS FAVORING DEVELOPED STATES WHICH HAVE TECHNOLOGY TO CONDUCT EXPLORATION AND EXTRACTION AT GREAT DEPTHS.

5. KAZEMI IS AWARE OF CURRENT FISHERIES LEGISLATION BEFORE U.S. CONGRESS AND OF TESTIMONY BY STEVENSON AND MOORE BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES CONCERNING THIS LEGISLATION. HE SUSPECTS U.S. MAY BE USING THREAT OF UNILATERAL ACTION TO APPLY PRESSURE TO REACH FINAL LOS TREATY AT GENEVA. HE BELIEVES THIS IS MISTAKE AND THAT DELEGATIONS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS SATISFACTORY TO ALL NATIONS EVEN IF THIS TAKES THIRD MAJOR CONFERENCE LATER IN 1975. KAZEMI ALSO NOTED THAT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE HAD BEEN APPLIED TO MEMBERS OF GROUP AOF 77 AT CARACAS CONFERENCE TO TRY TO SHATTER THEIR UNITY. IMPLICATION WAS CLEAR THAT HE THOUGHT USG WAS BEHIND THIS EFFORT WHICH, IN HIS OPINION, HAD ONLY COMPLICATED MATTERS AND DELAYED PROGRESS.

6. COMMENT: KAZEMI MADE CLEAR THAT WHILE GOI FORESEES NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAJOR PROBLEMS IN ITS OWN AGREEMENT TO AN LOS TREATY, IT WILL RESIST ATTEMPTS TO CONCLUDE FINAL TREATY AT GENEVA UNTIL LDC'S ARE SATISFIED IT WILL NOT WORK TO THEIR DISADVANTAGE. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR OXMAN TO EXPLORE SUCH AREAS WITH KAZEMI DURING VISIT TO TEHRAN IN JANUARY.
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